IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT
APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION/STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE INTENT WITH REGARD TO THE LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT FOR PERSONNEL COSTS; DIRECTING SALARY REDUCTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Superintendent of Public Instruction/State Department of Education the following amounts to be expended according to the designated expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010:

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14		FOR	FOR	FOR	TRUSTEE AND	
15		PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	BENEFIT	
16		COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	PAYMENTS	TOTAL
17	FROM:					
18	General Fund	\$3,528,500	\$3,623,200		\$24,600	\$7,176,300
19	Indirect Cost Recovery					
20	Fund	571,400	282,300			853,700
21	Driver's Training Fund	157,400	151,400	\$3,800	2,113,300	2,425,900
22	Public Instruction Fund	618,100	825,800	4,100	11,400	1,459,400
23	Miscellaneous Revenue					
24	Fund	257,000	86,200	9,900		353,100
25	Federal Grant Fund	3,804,100	18,092,900	9,200	82,200	21,988,400
26	TOTAL	\$8,936,500	\$23,061,800	\$27,000	\$2,231,500	\$34,256,800

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the State Department of Education is authorized no more than one hundred thirty (130) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, for the programs specified in Section 1 of this act, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 3. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall revert \$80,000 of fiscal year 2009 General Funds that were appropriated for the Longitudinal Data System.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to retain to the extent possible, our capable, quality employees who support the essential services and statutorily authorized programs that the citizens of Idaho expect. The Legislature finds these critical essential services to be those that maintain the health and safety of our citizens and the education of our children. While extending flexibility to the Governor and agency directors to manage the state workforce to the best of their ability during these difficult times, it remains the responsibility of the Legislature to identify priorities for the state workforce. The Legislature finds that reductions in personnel funding shall first be managed through salary reductions that impact all personnel fairly; secondly, be mitigated by the use of existing salary savings; thirdly, by using savings created by keeping newly vacated positions unfilled; fourth, by the use of furloughs; and lastly, as a last resort, by reducing the workforce. It is the intent of the Legislature that these policies shall be adhered to by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches to the extent allowed by law.

SECTION 5. SALARY REDUCTION. Inasmuch as salary reductions will save jobs; and inasmuch as a five percent (5%) reduction in personnel funding may create a reduction in force; and inasmuch as the state as a single employer of multiple departments and agencies is required by law to direct across the board salary adjustments; agencies and institutions shall reduce all salaries of classified and nonclassified employees, regardless of fund source, by three percent (3%) for fiscal year 2010, beginning on June 14, 2009, through June 12, 2010. Agencies shall use personnel cost savings, furloughs, and a reduction in force to manage the remaining two percent (2%) in funding reductions. The Division of Human Resources shall adjust all pay schedules for the classified personnel system downward to the extent that all beginning minimum salaries are three percent (3%) less than those in effect upon the date of passage of this law.

SECTION 6. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Section 5 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.